

REMARKS & ARGUMENTS

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as their invention. Specifically, the Examiner maintains that there is insufficient basis for the recitation of "W" in the ortho position. Applicants traverse the rejection and respectfully request withdrawal of the same. Applicants have amended claims 7 and 9 so that "W" is defined. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification (especially page 5 and the experimentals).

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chem Abstracts 95:80296 (1980). Applicants traverse this rejection and respectfully request withdrawal of the same. Applicants have amended claim 9. The amendment renders the rejection moot.


Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by CA127:259879 (1997). Applicants traverse this rejection and respectfully request withdrawal of the same. Applicants have amended claim 7. The amendment renders the rejection moot.

Claims 8 and 10 are objected to because they are dependent on rejected claims. Since claims 7 and 9 have been amended and are in condition for allowance, the Examiners' objection is moot.

ACTION REQUESTED

For all the forgoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 7-10 are in condition for allowance. Entry of the proposed amendment and allowance of claims 7-10 is respectfully requested. To that end, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to schedule an Examiner Interview to discuss any matter.

Respectfully submitted,  
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